

Troop 101 Adult Committee Meeting
March 14, 2007

Present: Todd Atkins, Linda Bassani, Tami Currid, Jeff Gumbel, Jonathan Hall, Mimi Jones, Michael Keck, Greg Martin, Mary R. Murphy, Barry Ramsey, Julie Ramsey, Budd Root, Glen Semple, Todd Thompson, David Weckhorst

1. Budd Root opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the February 21st meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: In Don Schlorff's absence, Tami Currid distributed copies of the current financial report. The troop's total funds are \$26,495.78. Tami reported that Don still has research to do regarding the council account. It was reported that Dan Baker (at the council office) would mail monthly reports for this account. And Glen Overby was quoted as saying the new accounting software that the council is installing will show who is charging, when it was charged and how much is charged to the account at the scout office. The outstanding check for scout accounts was discussed. Tami will ask Don to get in touch with Steve Wilson and inquire about this check. (late addition to the minutes – Tami received a call from Don during the meeting and talked to him about this check. She let the committee know she would be calling Steve Wilson.)

Programs/Camping – Julie Ramsey reported on the following events:

Blue Springs Caverns – Plans are still in place for this campout (hopefully the weather will cooperate so this trip will finally take place!)

Compass Day 3/31 – 10 have signed up so far. Julie noted that there aren't enough parents signed up to attend/drive. She stated that the Philmont boys and parents are going to Drake earlier that same day (meeting at the shed at 7 instead of 8). It would be best if all the older boys could hike that day, like the Philmont crew. The younger boys will be attending Compass Day activities. Jonathan Hall said he would help get more 2nd year and above parents to attend. Budd Root said that the Philmont crew could leave at the same time as the rest of group to help with transportation. He will contact Glen Semple. (note - Glen arrived at the meeting after this discussion)

Court of Honor – The Court of Honor will be held on May 22nd. It was changed due to a conflict with the Astronomy merit badge. Jonathan Hall stated he thought the Astronomy merit badge was going to be changed to a different date. He said he would talk to Jennifer Klatsky.

Fundraising – Mike Keck reported that Scott Adair is willing to be in charge of candy bar sales. Mike wants to find a 1st or 2nd year parent to work with him, in the hopes that, that person will be able to take over the following year. Mike will

confirm with Mike Graham, at the scout office, who is responsible for damage problems with the candy, since we are selling outside of normal candy bar sale times.

Adult Quartermaster – David Weckhorst asked the committee when the patrol box cleanout should be. After discussion, it was decided to have the cleanout on Sunday, April 15th, 2:00-4:00. Jonathan stated that he'd spoken to Art Warren regarding the firewood shelter at the shed. Jonathan reported that Art said it's fine with him to build a shelter, pour a concrete pad, "whatever we would like to do"! Art did ask if we could paint the bottom of the shed. Tami suggested we do that right away.

Varsity Scouts – It was suggested that the Varsity activities be put on the troop website. Todd Atkins reported that the Varsity boys are supposed to bring ideas for summer activities to the next meeting. Todd will let Dane Pierson know that he can contact Barry Ramsey with any information to put on the website.

Committee Rep. reports - Greg Martin (1st year Rep) reported that 7 (out of 10) 1st year boys have advanced to Scout.

Scoutmaster Report:

Budd Root distributed copies of information he received from David Frye regarding 2nd year advancement. It showed each 2nd year scout and the number of requirements each has finished for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Julie Ramsey suggested that specific requirements for each boy be given to the 1st Assistant Scoutmasters so they can help these boys complete what is still needed. And, adults should work with any boys that are attending Compass Day to finish requirements. A discussion followed on parental involvement. It seems that parents have not been encouraged to be involved (and attend campouts) over the last couple years. So, there is usually not enough 2nd and 3rd year parents signed up to attend and help on campouts. Jonathan Hall said he would make sure the 1st Asst Scoutmasters know they need work with 2nd years to make sure they are advancing (and with any other boys who need help with advancement). It was suggested that boys could come early, on April 3rd, 6:30, to meet with 1st Assistant Scoutmasters to get requirements signed off. Jonathan will get the records for the 2nd years that attend Compass Day and work with another adult to help these boys finish requirements.

Jonathan encouraged everyone to attend the Spring Camporee. There will be many things going on at Camp Drake that weekend. Our troop is in charge of Trail Signs.

Jonathan talked about Emergency Prep Night on May 3rd. The boys will establish a phone tree for the troop and learn how to use it. He wants to arrange for speakers to come and train the boys on various emergency events/procedures

like the “lost child” procedure. This evening will be a start for any boys who need to earn this merit badge. Those boys will then finish it at summer camp.

Jonathan shared a copy of the Patrol Leader Handbook that will be given to boys who are elected to that position. He plans to meet with the 1st Asst Scoutmasters to talk about keeping attendance at the patrol meetings and will give them information on conducting those meetings. It was decided that the troop should buy copies of the Patrol Leader Handbook every 6 months to present to each new leader.

A discussion took place on new parents in the troop and how to make them feel a part of the group. It was suggested that all adults wear nametags, it would help new people learn everyone’s name. Jonathan said he would make leather nametags for the 1st Asst Scoutmasters. Todd Atkins suggested we again sell adult troop shirts.

3. **Old Business:**

Troop By-laws III and IV – Mike Keck reviewed the changes for by-laws III and IV. Jonathan pointed out more changes/additions. After discussion, Mike Keck made a motion to approve the by-laws as amended. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Troop By-laws V, VI, VII and VIII – Mike Keck distributed copies of by-laws V, VI, VI and VIII. He will email these for review and he noted that any changes/additions should be sent to him. We will vote on them at the next committee meeting.

Eagle Scout plaque at St Thomas Moore HS – Budd Root asked for feedback on whether the troop should donate funds for an Eagle Scout plaque at St Thomas Moore High School. After discussion, it was decided the troop would not donate funds, that it should be left up to individual parents of Eagle Scouts to send a donation. Jonathan Hall asked about putting a plaque up at Windsor Road Church for Troop101 Eagle Scouts. Barry Ramsey will ask the church what they think about this proposal.

Ice Machine - Julie Ramsey let the committee know that thanks should be given to Jeff Gumbel for fixing the church’s ice machine this week.

Trailer Registration - Budd Root shared that Jeff Gumbel has volunteered to be in charge of the trailer title/registration. He will arrange for the annual payment.

Scout accounts – At the last meeting, we discussed contacting boys who were no longer in our troop, but who still had money left in their scout account. Glen Semple had not drafted a letter yet, said he was making calls instead and that

“most wanted to donate the money left in their accounts”. Budd Root asked that Glen follow up with a letter to those people to confirm their donation.

3. New Business:

Direct Fund Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner – Budd Root stated that we should not count on the council to contact us regarding the recognition dinner. Jonathan Hall said the troop should pay for Eagle Scouts to attend the dinner. It was agreed the troop should pay for the scout only; the family would pay for themselves. The money (\$75.00 each) will be budgeted each year (each November, the committee will confirm who will attend).

Windsor Rd church clothing drive – This will be a service project for the troop. Julie Ramsey reported that they have not received any information from the church yet.

Memorial Day/Flag Day/Armed Forces speaker – Julie Ramsey led a discussion on having the flag burning ceremony at the Court of Honor. Jonathan wondered about having the armed forces speaker and flag burning ceremony on the same night. This may be too much to add to the Court of Honor. The committee will firm up plans for these events at the next committee meeting.

Trip reimbursement rules – After discussion on trip reimbursement, it was decided that if someone cancels at the last minute for a campout due to bad weather or an emergency, they would be reimbursed. If they change their minds (get a “better offer”), they will not be reimbursed.

Scout Training College – Budd Root reported that the Prairielands Training College wants someone to teach a class in Oct 2007, on how to track and manage equipment. Mike Keck was encouraged to consider teaching this course.

Patrol Positions – Linda Bassani asked about 1) patrol/troop patches, 2) about whether all the patrol positions had ever been filled and 3) if each patrol leader had a list of all their patrol members. Jonathan stated that the other patrol positions (Asst Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Chaplain Aide) had been filled and that he had given each patrol leader a list of their patrol members. After a short discussion on patches, it seems that more follow through needs to be done, so Linda volunteered to be in charge of this responsibility.

Scoutmaster fund – Barry Ramsey reported that in the past the troop has paid for the Scoutmaster to attend campouts. After discussion, Barry made a motion to reestablish the old rule of not charging the Scoutmaster for monthly campouts. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pierson reimbursement – Mike Keck shared that when the Varsity Team attended the professional football game in Peoria, the tickets cost \$15.00 each, not

\$10.00 as they had been told previously. Mr. Pierson paid the extra \$5.00 for everyone. The Piersons are trying to get reimbursed from the Peoria office, since they were quoted an incorrect amount. It was agreed that if Mr. Pierson is not reimbursed the full amount, the troop would make up the difference.

4. **Dessert** – The committee thanked Tami Currid for the delicious food.
5. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be April 18th, 7:00 at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bassani, Secretary